

# BSTRA hosts Trail Work Day at West Hill Dam

UXBRIDGE — The Bay State Trail Riders Association (BSTRA) assembled 20 volunteers to spend a day to make a difference at a local state park.

Starting at 9 a.m., Park Ranger Viola Bramel and the crew spruced-up the 4.1-mile Woodland Trail area at West Hill Dam in Uxbridge for its 23rd Annual Trail Work Day on Saturday, April 9.

Volunteers performed yearly maintenance activities to help keep water off the trail and prevent erosion. This included removing fallen trees and

branches, picking up trash, trimming branches that had grown into the trail area, and cleaning out the water bars.

The tradition of the BSTRA's Trail Work Day started in 1993 when the group teamed-up with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) to establish a bridle path system with the commitment to dedicate an annual day towards cleaning up the park.

Respecting the mandate to stay on the trails prevents the ACE from having to pay for additional resources to repair

off-trail usage.

This year's volunteers included: Laurie Desreuisseau, Barbara McCumber, Becky Kalagher, Sue Perry, Suzanne Nicholas, Mary McMannus, Bill Knott, Rita Cardinal, Buzz Ballou, Gloria Duhaime, Karen Parlin, Sue Quirk, Rose Zariczny, Jessica Dias, Marcue Dias, Christian Dias, Xander Dias, Joyce Curio, Ivy Ballou, Steve Lawrence.



The BSTRA and other volunteers spent time removing trees from the trails at West Hill Dam in Uxbridge on April 9 as part of its 23rd Annual Trail Work Day initiative.



Courtesy photos

Sue Perry, Rose Zariczny, Suzanne Nicholas, Mary McMannus, Sue Quirk.



Suzanne Nicholas and Mary McMannus getting dead trees off the trail. Rose Zariczny cleans out a water bar.





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